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SUBJECT: SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORT: MISSING AMERICAN YACHT
"HUCK FINN"

REF: (A) STATE 85432 (B) MADRID 3551 AND 3569

1. CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S OFFICE 27TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
INTERESTED.

2. SPANISH VESSEL SENEMAR III, CARRYING BODY OF HUCK FINN
CREWMEMBER HAS PUT INTO PORT OF ALCANAR, APPROXIMATELY
110 MILES SOUTH OF BARCELONA. POSTS REQUESTS DEPT. ATTEMPT
TO SECURE WHATEVER RECORDS AVAILABLE ON FOUR MEN, E.G.,
DENTAL (PREFERABLY), FINGERPRINT, ETC., ASAP. ALSO, THAT
YOU REQUEST PERMISSION FROM NOK TO INCUR EXPENSES FOR
TRANSPORTATION AND COLD STORAGE AS NO FACILITIES EXIST IN
PORT OF CALL. OTHERWISE REMAINS WILL BE BURIED IN COMMON
GRAVE FOLLOWING MANDATORY AUTOPSY. REPORTEDLY BODY, CLOTHED
IN WET SUIT, HAS BEEN IN THE WATER FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD
MAKING ID BY FINGERPRINT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

3. IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFICATION ON REMAINS DEPT.
MAY WISH TO SEARCH PASSPORT RECORDS ON PATRICK STOUT AND
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RONALD JONES. IN ADDITION TO MRS. MCGIVERN (TEL AC (213)
454-7761) POST HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY DAN KEYES, BROTHER
OF WILLIAM KEYES. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING HIM
DIRECTLY AT AC (213) 794-9402.

4. WITH RESPECT TO SAR EFFORT MENTIONED MADRID 3569,
COMANDANCIA DE MARINA, PALMA DE MALLORCA ORDERED WATER AND

AIR SEARCH IN GENERAL VICINITY WHERE RAFT PICKED UP AT
FIRST LIGHT THIS A.M. RESULTS WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

5. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL A, CONSULAR AGENT PALMA DE MALLORCA
HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FORMER OWNER OF THE HUCK FINN. THIS
PERSON REPORTEDLY STATES YACHT HAD A LEAK AND IN HIS OPINION
NEEDED WORK PRIOR TO ANY SAILING IN THE OPEN SEA. HE RELENTED
TO SALE WHEN ELICITED PROMISE TO HAVE BOAT REPAIRED. YACHT
HOWEVER, WAS NOT REPAIRED IN MALLORCA AND CONSULAR AGENT
IS CHECKING WITH AUTHORITIES IN IBIZA TO DETERMINE WHETHER
IT REPAIRED THERE.SINN

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